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OFFICE COMMISSION OF PERSONS,

New Orleans, La , Dec. 31, 1875.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives, State of Louisiana:

The Commission of Persons appointed as required by Act No. 43 of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana, approved March 6, 1873, to inspect and certify to the amount of work performed by the Louisiana Levee Company, under its contract with the State of Louisiana, have the honor this day to forward to you a condensed report of their operations during the year 1875, as set forth in the list of works constructed, and herewith appended. In these lists will be seen the name of each levee constructed, with that of the parish in which the same is located, and the number of cubic yards credited thereto, as deducted from the most careful and thorough measurements and calculations:

LIST OF WORKS

Constructed by the Louisiana Levee Company, in accordance with the provisions and orders of the Commission of Engineers, for the Levee Year of 1874-'75. Inspected and certified to by the Commission of Persons.

NAME OF LEVEE.	NAME OF PARISH.	CUBIC YARDS CONSTRUCTED.
Elton.....	Carroll, Mississippi River....	11,279
Bass.....	Carroll, Mississippi River....	141,563
Goodrich.....	Carroll, Mississippi River....	11,981
Bass Extension.....	Carroll, Mississippi River....	51,585
		216,408
Machoire de l'Ours.....	Ouachita, Ouachita River....	20,005
Upper Pargoud.....	Ouachita, Ouachita River....	4,259
Lower Pargoud.....	Ouachita, Ouachita River....	7,509
		31,773
Waterproof.....	Tensas, Mississippi River....	78,115
Hardscrabble.....	Tensas, Mississippi River....	26,338
Disharoon.....	Tensas, Mississippi River....	33,881
L'Argent.....	Tensas, Mississippi River....	4,620
Bondurant.....	Tensas, Mississippi River....	3,719
Hard Times.....	Tensas, Mississippi River....	19,023
		165,696
White.....	Rapides, Red River.....	7,939
		7,939

LIST OF WORKS—Continued.

NAME OF LEVEE.	NAME OF PARISH.	CUBIC YARDS CONSTRUCTED.
Farmers' Bayou.....	Avoyelles, Atchafalaya River.	9,059
Hetherwick.....	Avoyelles, Atchafalaya River.	3,750
Big Bend.....	Avoyelles, Bayou des Glaizes.	32,372
Yellow to Farmers' Bayou....	Avoyelles, Bayou des Glaizes.	1,930
		47,111
Lake Side.....	P'te Coupee, Old River.....	9,232
Callihan.....	P'te Coupee, Atchafalaya R'r.	3,770
Doherty.....	P'te Coupee, Atchafalaya R'r.	10,511
Barber.....	P'te Coupee, Atchafalaya R'r.	7,208
Swords.....	P'te Coupee, Atchafalaya R'r.	3,271
Norwood.....	P'te Coupee, Atchafalaya R'r.	17,682
Pointe Coupee.....	P'te Coupee, Mississippi River	28,906
Red Store No. 1.....	P'te Coupee, Mississippi River	10,237
Hog Point.....	P'te Coupee, Mississippi River	28,230
Red Store No. 2.....	P'te Coupee, Mississippi River	12,262
Morrison.....	P'te Coupee, Mississippi River	7,840
		139,149
Pointe Manoir.....	W. B. Rouge, Mississippi R'r	40,505
Hereford.....	W. B. Rouge, Mississippi R'r	8,512
Lobdell.....	W. B. Rouge, Mississippi R'r	39,531
Walker.....	W. B. Rouge, Mississippi R'r	37,321
		125,869
Longwood.....	W. B. Rouge, Mississippi R'r	15,925
Patrick.....	W. B. Rouge, Mississippi R'r	5,640
Hickey.....	W. B. Rouge, Mississippi R'r	105,566
Hebert.....	W. B. Rouge, Mississippi R'r	9,528
		262,528
Thruillett.....	Iberville, Mississippi River..	6,366
Schlatre.....	Iberville, Mississippi River..	29,439
White Castle.....	Iberville, Mississippi River..	36,084
Old Hickory, or Lauve.....	Iberville, Mississippi River..	2,299
		74,188
Stansbury.....	Ascension, Mississippi River.	12,782
Brand, or Picayune.....	Ascension, Mississippi River.	3,226
		16,008
Moreau.....	Lafourche, Bayou Lafourche.	2,940
Selby.....	Lafourche, Bayou Lafourche.	1,119
Dr. Head.....	Lafourche, Bayou Lafourche.	5,128
		9,187
Turenit.....	St. James, Mississippi River.	17,158
Cabanahocy.....	St. James, Mississippi River.	6,700
Labourgeois.....	St. James, Mississippi River.	2,961
Bourbon.....	St. James, Mississippi River.	1,360
		28,179
Vickinan.....	St. John, Mississippi River..	12,101
Bismarck.....	St. John, Mississippi River..	4,621
Poor Devil's Store.....	St. John, Mississippi River..	1,947
Bonnet Carre.....	St. John, Mississippi River..	1,176
Carroll.....	St. John, Mississippi River..	3,654
		23,499
Champagne.....	St. Charles, Mississippi River	6,134
		6,134
Wall.....	Jefferson, Mississippi River..	6,188
Kennerville.....	Jefferson, Mississippi River..	19,468
Oakland, or B. Kenner.....	Jefferson, Mississippi River.	6,275
		31,931

LIST OF WORKS—Continued.

NAME OF LEVEE.	NAME OF PARISH.	CUBIC YARDS CONSTRUCTED.	
Orleans.....	Orleans, Mississippi River...	10,609	10,609
St. Rosalie.....	Plaquemine, Mississippi River	3,687	
Verbois.....	Plaquemine, Mississippi River	6,661	20,833
Pointe a la Hache.....	Plaquemine, Mississippi River	7,600	
Scarsdale.....	Plaquemine, Mississippi River	15,050	3,000
Belle Chasse.....	Plaquemine, Mississippi River	1,622	
Orange Grove.....	Plaquemine, Mississippi River		58,453
Orange Farm.....	Plaquemine, Mississippi River		
Total cubic yards constructed on account of season of 1874-'75		1,128,792	
Total cubic yards ordered by Commission of Engineers for same, October 14, 1874.....		1,086,200	
Cubic yards constructed in excess of original orders of the Commission of Engineers, but covered by supplemental orders.....		42,592	

After the adoption and promulgation of the list of works finally determined upon by the Commission of Engineers, for the season of 1874-'75, it was found necessary by that Commission, in consequence of new ^{AND} additional cavings of the river banks in various places, to extend, in some instances, the levees previously ordered, thereby increasing the quantities at first allotted to the various works included in the original list, and, in other instances, to order entirely new levees.

These additions involved the consequent necessity of increasing the aggregate of the list already ordered, and also of encroaching upon, or anticipating, the provision for the next succeeding season, namely, that of 1875-'76; which power is vested in the Commission of Engineers, in accordance with article 13, section 2, paragraph 1, of Act No. 43 of the General Assembly, approved March 6, 1875.

Under the provisions of the above stated authority, the Commission of Levee Engineers ordered, and this Commission have inspected and certified to, the following list of levees, to be credited to the account of the Louisiana Levee Company for the year 1875-'76:

LIST OF WORKS

Constructed to date by the Louisiana Levee Company on account of the Season of 1875-'76. Inspected and certified to by the Commission of Persons.

NAME OF LEVEE.	NAME OF PARISH.	CUBIC YARDS CONSTRUCTED.	
Point Lookout	Carroll, Mississippi River...	55,746	
Bayou Vidal.....	Tensas, Mississippi River....	9,096	55,746
Disharoon	Tensas, Mississippi River....	1,980	
Omega and Milliken's Bend ..	Madison, Mississippi River..	6,206	11,076
New Texas.....	P'te Coupee, Mississippi River	2,547	6,206
Australia	W. B. Rouge, Mississippi R'r	38,843	2,547
Arlington.....	E. B. Rouge, Mississippi R'r.	17,879	38,843
Conrad Point	E. B. Rouge, Mississippi R'r.	4,121	
Hope.....	E. B. Rouge, Mississippi R'r.	4,191	
Lacroix	Ascension, Mississippi River.	8,714	26,191
Parr.....	Lafourche, Bayou Lafourche.	3,195	8,714
Pierre Cosse.....	Plaquemine, Mississippi R'r.	2,252	3,195
Sarah.....	Plaquemine, Mississippi R'r.	435	
City Property.....	Plaquemine, Mississippi R'r.	957	
Cuba Landing	Ouachita, Ouachita River....	10,567	3,644
			10,567

Total cubic yards constructed to date, on account of 1875-'76..... 166,729

In conclusion, we would respectfully suggest to your honorable bodies the absolute necessity of a reasonable appropriation to cover the cost of transportation and of the examinations and surveys of levees, after being reported constructed in accordance with the orders of the Commission of Engineers. Without this, the Commission of Persons can not well perform the duties assigned to them by law.

We would also here respectfully call attention to the fact that the amount appropriated by the last Legislature to pay the salary of the secretary of this Commission is in the list of injunctions ordered by the Superior Court. This officer has diligently and

faithfully performed the duties imposed upon him, and it would therefore be an act of simple justice to make an appropriation to meet his salary, as fixed by law, for the year 1875.

We have the honor to sign ourselves,

Most respectfully your obedient servants,

J. HASSINGER,	}	Commissioners.
P. O. HEBERT,		
GEO. F. SHERMAN,		

M. JEFF. THOMPSON,

Chief State Engineer.

F. M. KERR, Secretary.